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Maulana Azad Educational Foundation
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints of mismanagement and severe shortage of manpower in Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF);

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether a full time post of head is lying vacant for long and the foundation is managing with lower rank officers;

(d) if so, whether keeping in view all these factors the Government has roped Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) to prepare a report and suggested complete overhaul of the organization; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the report is likely to be submitted by TISS and the foundation is to work in full stream?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, was established to promote education amongst educationally backward sections of the society, particularly minorities. Since inception in 1989, the MAEF suffered structural and functional weaknesses and lack of expertise to deliver. The issues related to efficiency and delivery of MAEF have been raised by various sections from time to time. Further, the post of Secretary (MAEF) has remained vacant from time to time and held by officers of the Ministry at appropriate level as additional charge. At present, the post is lying vacant since May 2014, and being managed by Deputy Secretary in the Ministry as additional charge, as the then Secretary (MAEF) was removed on the charges of misappropriation of funds.

(d) and (e) In order to restructure MAEF, Ministry of Minority Affairs engaged Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) on 26thFebruary, 2015 to undertake a structural and functional analysis of MAEF and submit a report. Accordingly, TISS has submitted the final report including recommendations in July, 2015, which was accepted by General Body of MAEF on 19.08.2015. Thereafter, MAEF has adopted the report and taken action for recruitment of the manpower in order to make Foundation work effectively.

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